Setting up of a Research and Development Centre in A.P. for Research Activities on MICA

*50. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a research and development centre in Andhra Pradesh for carrying out research activities on MICA;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase in the Foodgrains Storage Capacity

*51. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to increase the storage capacity for foodgrains in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to build some more godowns in the rural areas; and

(d) if so, the steps taken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The storage capacity available for foodgrains with the Food Corporation of India, Central Warehousing Corporation, State Governments and their agencies is at present adequate to meet the requirement of the buffer/operation stocks level. A capacity of 3.46 lakh tonnes is, however, at present under construction by the Food Corporation of India to take care of the regional imbalance and to provide adequate capacity in remote and inaccessible areas.

(c) and (d) The storage capacity at taluka/block/village level is provided by cooperatives. The Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Rural Development is implementing a scheme of providing financial assistance for construction of rural godowns at block/village level through State Government agencies. National Cooperative Development Corporation also provides assistance for construction of godowns in cooperative sector.

Indira Gandhi Awas Yojana in Orissa

*52. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to Orissa for implementation of Housing Programme under the Indira Gandhi Awas Yojana during the last three years;

(b) the areas identified by Government to implement the programme for the backward and bonded labour in the State;

(c) to what extent the programme has become successful in the State; and

(d) whether any review has been conducted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) to (d) During the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88, a total of Rs. 1544 lakhs (in cash) was allocated to the Government of Orissa under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY).

From the resources given to the State in the period 1985—88, a little over 18,000 houses are expected to be built. The State has completed the construction of 11,576 houses till March, 1988. The State has been asked to complete the construction of the balance of the houses by the

31st March, 1989. The achievement during the period 1985—88 was thus about 64 per cent.

The traget groups under the IAY are the members of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes below the poverty line and the freed bonded labourers in the rural areas. Guidelines prescribed that the houses under the Yojana should be constructed in all the blocks in any year where the beneficiaries may be residing. The exact location of the houses is left to the judgement of the State Government keeping in view the guidelines prescribed on the subject.

The implementation of the Indira Awas Yojana is being reviewed by the Government of India from time to time.

Expansion of T. V. Network

*53. SHRI BAIKUNTHNATH SAHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been laying great emphasis on the expansion of T.V. network during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the target fixed and achievement made in the opening of T.V. Centres in different States, so far;

(c) whether Government propose to set up some T.V. relay Centres and T. V. Centres in Orissa during the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposals in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (d) The Seventh Plan of Doordarshan lays due emphasis on the expansion of TV network in the country and includes, *inter alia*, schemes for the establishment of a number of Programme Production Centres and TV transmitters. On implementation of all such schemes, the number of Programme Production Centres would increase to 48 as against 17 at the beginning of the Seventh Plan period and 18 at present and that of TV transmitters/transposers to 423 as against 172 at the beginning of the Seventh Plan period and 304 at present.

In the State of Orissa, a full-fledged TV Studio Centre with satellite uplinking facility at Bhubaneshwar a high power (10 KW) TV transmitter at Bhawanipatna (in replacement of the existing low power transmitter); 4 low power (100 W) TV transmitters, one each at Bhanjanagar, Bolangir, Keonjhargarh and Phulbani and a TV transposer at Sonabeda are envisaged to be set up as a part of the Seventh Plan. All these projects (except the Studio Centre at Bhubaneshwar) are expected to be commissioned into service during the Seventh Plan period itself.

A statement showing State/Union Territory-wise break up of the schemes included in the approved Seventh Plan of Doordarshan and those implemented so far is enclosed [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 11].

Procurement of rice

*54. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the procurement of rice by the Food Corporation of India has been very low this year as compared to that in the last year; and